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METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ALARMING DECREASE IN

TIRE AIR PRESSURE AND PROGRAM FOR ALARMING

DECREASE IN AIR TIRE PRESSURE

Comments on Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance, dated May 16, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits that the statement by the Examiner to justify allowing the Application, to the extent that the prior art of record fails to teach alarming decrease in tire air pressure in which decrease in the air pressure is determined on the basis of "rotational velocity" information, is incorrect with respect to claim 5, and does not reflect the fact that allowed claim 5 does not recite "rotational velocity." Applicant respectfully submits that

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5 is allowable because of features recited in claim 5 other than "rotational

velocity," which is clearly not recited in claim 5.

Applicant also respectfully requests that the patent term adjustment of

148 days not be reduced at all, because this "Comment" paper had to be filed to

address the aforementioned inadvertent mis-statement of fact in the Examiner's

Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent,

and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit

Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or

1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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